

Ballot Questions for the 2021 Municipal Election

**Fulton Neighborhood Meeting
October 13, 2021**



Home Rule Charter: City “Constitution”

- 1. It defines the powers and authority of the City, granted by its people.**
- 2. It prescribes the City’s operating structure and its principal officers, including their number, qualifications, manner of election or appointment, and duties.**
- 3. It specifies the processes by which official acts and decisions are made, implemented, and enforced.**

Ballot Questions - 2021

- 1. Government Structure Reform**
- 2. Public Safety Department**
- 3. Rent Stabilization (ordinance)**



Proposal to amend the City Charter related to Government Structure: Executive Mayor & Legislative Council

**Initiated by Charter Commission
pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 410.12,
subd. 1.**

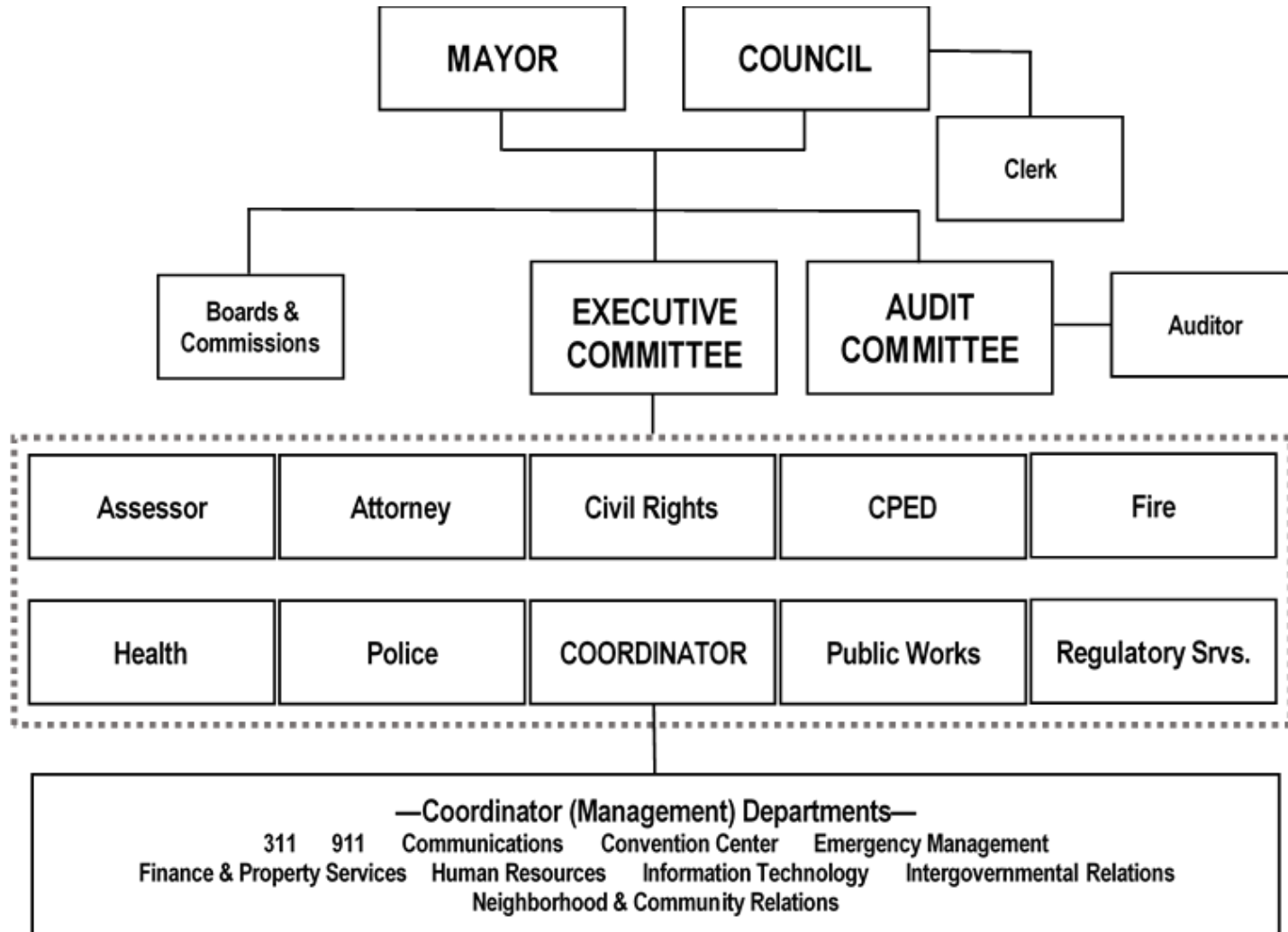
LIMS File No. CH2021-00012

Major Elements

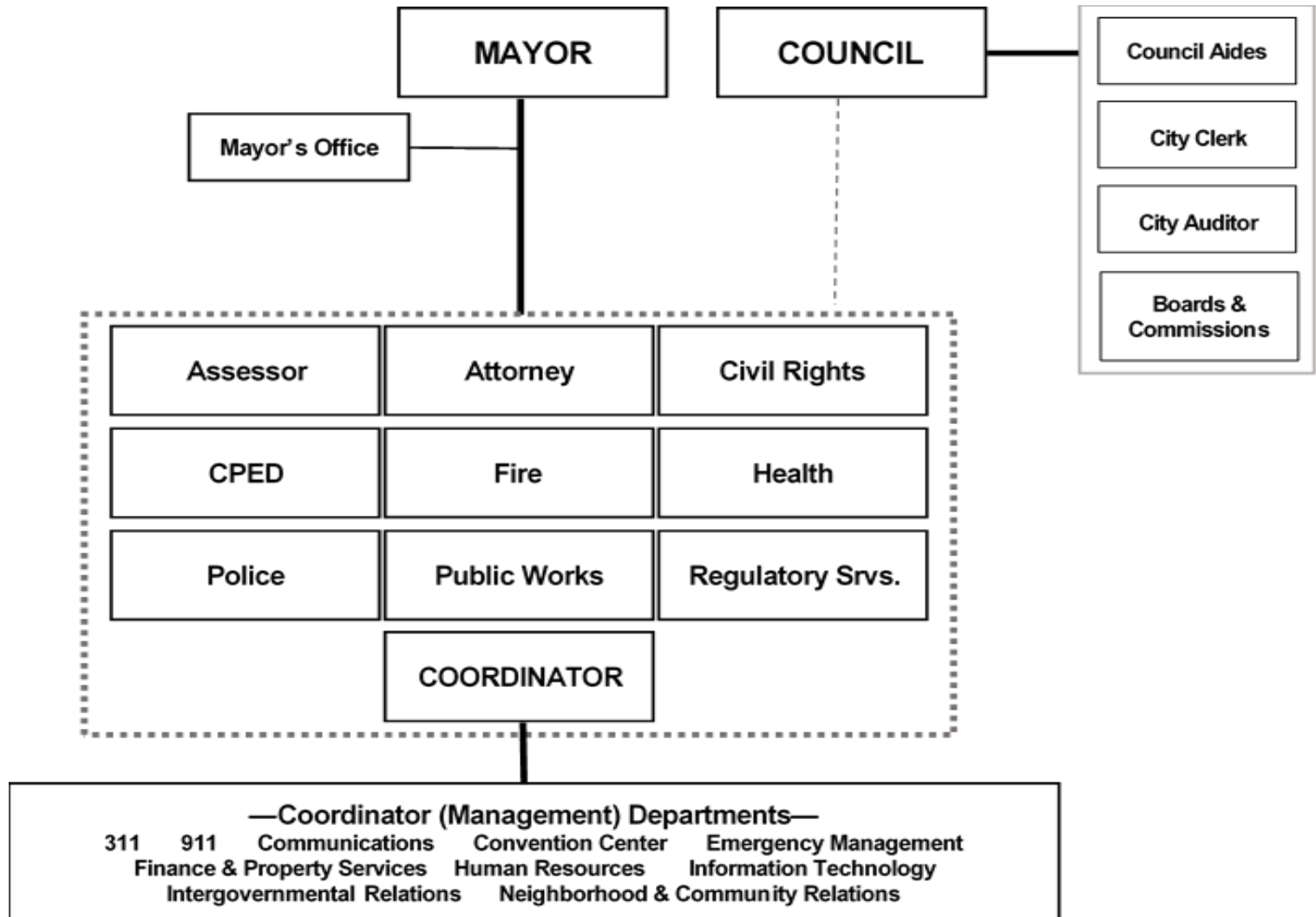
Government Structure: Executive Mayor and Legislative Council

1. Establish a government structure based on separation of powers with checks and balances between an elected chief executive (Mayor) and a legislative body (Council).
2. Define the Council as the City's legislative body.
3. Define the Mayor as the City's chief executive officer and administrative authority.
4. Eliminate the Executive Committee.
5. Define the City's Administration as including all operating departments under the Mayor's authority.

Current Structure



Proposed Structure



Ballot Question

CITY QUESTION #1.

Government Structure: Executive Mayor-Legislative Council.

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to adopt a change in its form of government to an Executive Mayor-Legislative Council structure to shift certain powers to the Mayor, consolidating administrative authority over all operating departments under the Mayor, and eliminating the Executive Committee?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Proposal to amend the City Charter related to Public Safety Department

**Initiated by Yes4Minneapolis petition
pursuant to MN Stat. § 410.12, subds. 1,
2, and 3.**

LIMS File No. 2021-00578

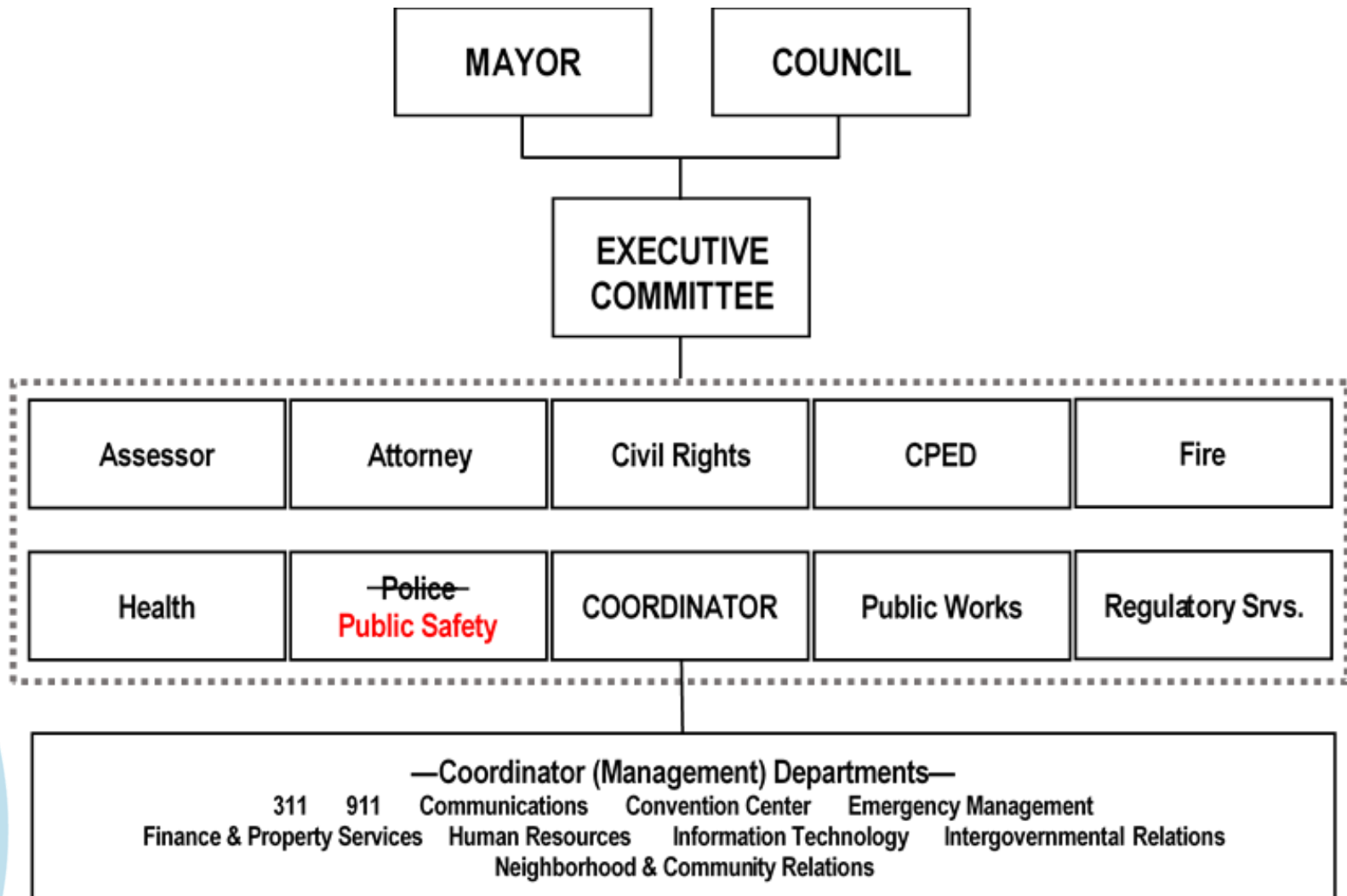


Major Elements

Public Safety Department

1. Create a new Public Safety Department to consolidate public safety functions through a comprehensive public health approach that would include police officers if necessary.
2. Establish a commissioner to lead the department, nominated by the Mayor and appointed by Council.
3. Remove the Police Department from the Charter.
4. Remove mandatory minimum funding (staffing) levels and the additional taxing authority to pay for that.

Table of Organization



Ballot Question

CITY QUESTION #2.

Public Safety Department.

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to remove the Police Department and replace it with a Department of Public Safety that employs a comprehensive public health approach to the delivery of functions by the Department of Public Safety, with those specific functions to be determined by the Mayor and City Council by ordinance; which will not be subject to exclusive mayoral power over its establishment, maintenance, and command; and which could include licensed peace officers (police officers), if necessary, to fulfill its responsibilities for public safety, with the general nature of the amendments being briefly indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballot?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Ballot Question

CITY QUESTION #2.

Explanatory Note

This amendment would create a Department of Public Safety combining public safety functions through a comprehensive public health approach to be determined by the Mayor and Council. The department would be led by a Commissioner nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Council. The Police Department, and its chief, would be removed from the City Charter. The Public Safety Department could include police officers, but the minimum funding requirement would be eliminated.

Proposal to amend the City Charter related to Rent Stabilization— By Ordinance

**Initiated by City Council pursuant to
Minnesota Statutes § 410.12, subd.
5., and § 471.9996.**



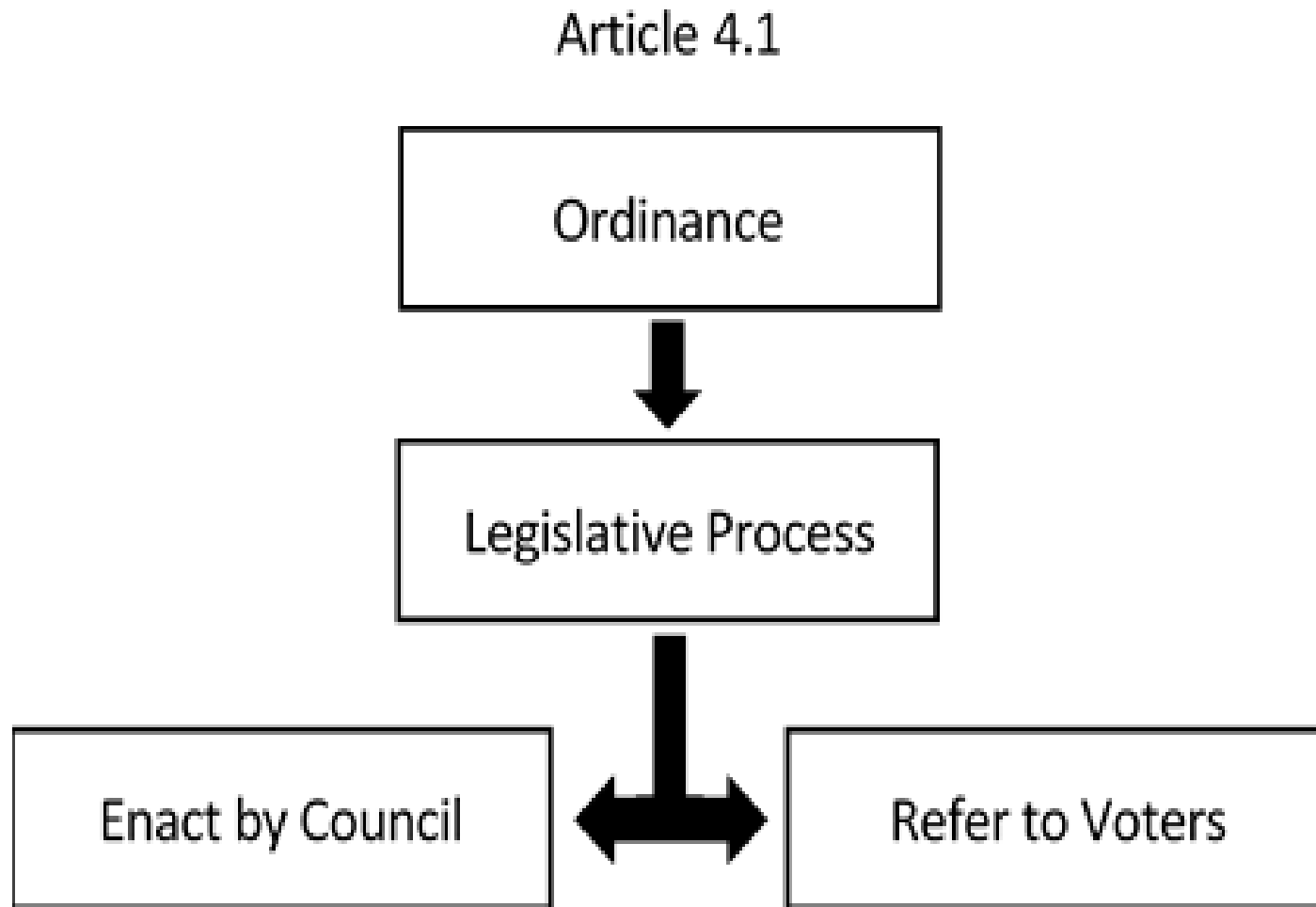
LIMS File No. 2021-00104

Major Elements

Rent Stabilization – By Ordinance (Article IV)

1. Establishes authorization to enact rent stabilization policy as an enumerated power in the City Charter.
2. Provides a permissive process for Council to enact the ordinance or to refer the proposal as a ballot question to voters (determined by the Council).
3. If referred to voters, requires more than half the votes cast on the question to be in favor for passage.

Procedural Pathways to Enactment



Ballot Question

CITY QUESTION #3.

Authorizing City Council To Enact Rent Control Ordinance.

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis, with the general nature of the amendments being indicated in the explanatory note below, which is made a part of this ballot?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Ballot Question

CITY QUESTION #3.

Authorizing City Council To Enact Rent Control Ordinance.

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would:

1. Authorize the City Council to regulate rents on private residential property in the City of Minneapolis by ordinance.
2. Provide that an ordinance regulating rents on private residential property could be enacted in two different and independent ways:
 - a. The City Council may enact the ordinance.
 - b. The City Council may refer the ordinance as a ballot question to be decided by the voters for approval at an election. If more than half of the votes cast on the ballot question are in favor of its adoption, the ordinance would take effect 30 days after the election, or at such other time as provided in the ordinance.

City Questions

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

City Question 1**Government Structure: Executive Mayor – Legislative Council**

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to adopt a change in its form of government to an Executive Mayor-Legislative Council structure to shift certain powers to the Mayor, consolidating administrative authority over all operating departments under the Mayor, and eliminating the Executive Committee?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

City Questions**City Question 2****Department of Public Safety**

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would create a Department of Public Safety combining public safety functions through a comprehensive public health approach to be determined by the Mayor and Council. The department would be led by a Commissioner nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Council. The Police Department, and its chief, would be removed from the City Charter. The Public Safety Department could include police officers, but the minimum funding requirement would be eliminated.

City Questions**City Question 3****Authorizing City Council To Enact Rent Control Ordinance**

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- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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This amendment would:

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For more information—

- **List of current ballot proposals from City website—**
www.minneapolismn.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/charter-commission/current-proposals/
- **Details of ballot proposals available from Legislative Information Management System (LIMS)—**
lims.minneapolismn.gov
 1. Government Restructure – LIMS File No. CH2021-00012
 2. Public Safety Department – LIMS File No. CH2021-00022
 3. Rent Stabilization – LIMS File No. 2021-00104
- **Look for your “sample ballot” prior to Early Voting starting on Fri., Sep. 17.**
vote.minneapolismn.gov



A photograph of the Minneapolis skyline, featuring several prominent skyscrapers like the Wells Fargo Center and the US Bank Tower. The sky is clear blue. In the foreground, there's a highway with some traffic and greenery.

Thank you!

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